

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN BERES, ) No. C 08-4683 MMC (PR)  
Plaintiff, ) **ORDER OF SERVICE**  
v. )  
MATTHEW KATES, Secretary, )  
California Department of Corrections, )  
et al., )  
Defendants. )

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On October 9, 2008, plaintiff, a California prisoner incarcerated at the Correctional Training Facility II (“CTF II”) at Soledad and proceeding pro se, filed the above-titled civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. By separate order filed concurrently herewith, plaintiff has been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

**DISCUSSION**

A. Standard of Review

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See *id.* § 1915A(b)(1),(2). Pro se pleadings must, however, be liberally construed. See *Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep’t*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1988). To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential elements: (1) that a right secured by the

1 Constitution or laws of the United States was violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was  
2 committed by a person acting under the color of state law. See West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42,  
3 48 (1988).

4 **B. Plaintiff's Claims**

5 The following facts are drawn from the allegations in the complaint and the  
6 attachments thereto. In May 2007, plaintiff first saw a doctor at CTF II for symptoms of dry  
7 cough, gurgling noises in his lungs, purple lips, yellow sputum and severe thirst. In the time  
8 between that visit and plaintiff's filing the instant action in October 2008, plaintiff has been  
9 prescribed seventeen different medications and sent to the emergency room eighteen times,  
10 but he still has not been properly diagnosed or treated and his symptoms continue. Plaintiff  
11 administratively appealed his claim of inadequate medical care through the Director's level  
12 of review; on September 3, 2008, the Director denied the appeal, finding plaintiff's primary  
13 care physician at CTF is adequately addressing plaintiff's medical concerns.

14 Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief, specifically, referral to another doctor, and monetary  
15 damages. He names as defendants Matthew Kates, the Secretary/Director of the California  
16 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Ben Curry, the Warden at CTF II; Joseph  
17 Churdy, M.D., the Chief Medical Officer at CTF II; and Narayanaswamy Dayalan, M.D., a  
18 medical doctor at CTF II.

19 The Court finds the above allegations, liberally construed, state cognizable claims  
20 under the Eighth Amendment for deliberate indifference to plaintiff's serious medical needs.  
21 See Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 104 (1976).

22 **CONCLUSION**

23 For the reasons stated above, the Court orders as follows:

24 1. The Clerk of the Court shall issue summons and the United States Marshal shall  
25 serve, without prepayment of fees, a copy of the complaint in this matter, all attachments  
thereto, and a copy of this order upon: (1) CTF II defendants Warden Ben Curry, Chief  
27 Medical Officer Joseph Churdy, and Dr. Narayanaswamy Dayalan, and (2) Matthew Kates,  
28 Secretary/Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in

1       Sacramento. The Clerk shall also mail courtesy copies of the complaint and this order to the  
2 California Attorney General's Office.

3           2. Within **ninety (90)** days of the date this order is filed, defendants shall file a  
4 motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion with respect to the claim found to  
5 be cognizable above.

6           a. If defendants elect to file a motion to dismiss on the grounds plaintiff failed  
7 to exhaust his available administrative remedies as required by 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a),  
8 defendants shall do so in an unenumerated Rule 12(b) motion pursuant to Wyatt v. Terhune,  
9 315 F.3d 1108, 1119-20 (9th Cir. 2003), cert. denied Alameida v. Terhune, 540 U.S. 810  
10 (2003).

11           b. Any motion for summary judgment shall be supported by adequate factual  
12 documentation and shall conform in all respects to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
13 Procedure. **Defendants are advised that summary judgment cannot be granted, nor**  
14 **qualified immunity found, if material facts are in dispute. If defendants are of the**  
15 **opinion that this case cannot be resolved by summary judgment, defendants shall so**  
16 **inform the Court prior to the date the summary judgment motion is due.**

17           3. Plaintiff's opposition to the dispositive motion shall be filed with the Court and  
18 served on defendants no later than **thirty (30)** days from the date defendants' motion is filed.

19           a. In the event defendants file an unenumerated motion to dismiss under Rule  
20 12(b), plaintiff is hereby cautioned as follows:<sup>1</sup>

21           The defendants have made a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b) of  
22 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the ground you have not exhausted  
23 your administrative remedies. The motion will, if granted, result in the  
24 dismissal of your case. When a party you are suing makes a motion to dismiss  
25 for failure to exhaust, and that motion is properly supported by declarations (or  
26 other sworn testimony) and/or documents, you may not simply rely on what  
27 your complaint says. Instead, you must set out specific facts in declarations,  
28 depositions, answers to interrogatories, or documents, that contradict the facts  
shown in the defendant's declarations and documents and show that you have  
in fact exhausted your claims. If you do not submit your own evidence in

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27           <sup>1</sup>The following notice is adapted from the summary judgment notice to be given to pro  
28 se prisoners as set forth in Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc).  
See Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d at 1120 n.14.

1 opposition, the motion to dismiss, if appropriate, may be granted and the case  
2 dismissed.

3 b. In the event defendants file a motion for summary judgment, the Ninth  
4 Circuit has held that the following notice should be given to plaintiffs:

5 The defendants have made a motion for summary judgment by which  
6 they seek to have your case dismissed. A motion for summary judgment under  
7 Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

8 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for  
9 summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted when there  
10 is no genuine issue of material fact--that is, if there is no real dispute about any  
11 fact that would affect the result of your case, the party who asked for summary  
12 judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end your case.  
13 When a party you are suing makes a motion for summary judgment that is  
properly supported by declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot  
simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead, you must set out specific  
facts in declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated  
documents, as provided in Rule 56(e), that contradict the facts shown in the  
defendants' declarations and documents and show that there is a genuine issue  
of material fact for trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition,  
summary judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary  
judgment is granted in favor of defendants, your case will be dismissed and  
there will be no trial.

14 See Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc). Plaintiff is advised to  
15 read Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S.  
16 317 (1986) (holding party opposing summary judgment must come forward with evidence  
17 showing triable issues of material fact on every essential element of his claim). Plaintiff is  
18 cautioned that failure to file an opposition to defendants' motion for summary judgment may  
19 be deemed to be a consent by plaintiff to the granting of the motion, and granting of  
20 judgment against plaintiff without a trial. See Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir.  
21 1995) (per curiam); Brydges v. Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 653 (9th Cir. 1994).

22 4. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than **fifteen (15)** days after plaintiff's  
23 opposition is filed.

24 5. The motion shall be deemed submitted as of the date the reply brief is due. No  
25 hearing will be held on the motion unless the Court so orders at a later date.

26 6. All communications by the plaintiff with the Court must be served on defendants,  
27 or defendants' counsel once counsel has been designated, by mailing a true copy of the  
28 document to defendants or defendants' counsel.

1       7. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.  
2 No further court order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2) or Local Rule 16-1 is  
3 required before the parties may conduct discovery.

4       8. It is plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the Court  
5 informed of any change of address and must comply with the court's orders in a timely  
6 fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute  
7 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

8       9. Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than the deadline sought  
9 to be extended and must be accompanied by a showing of good cause.

10      IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 DATED: April 6, 2009

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge